(d) the steps proposed to increase technical monitoring of trains all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Survey of Bhopal-Barkhera-Budhani Ghat rail line

†1905. MISS. ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey of third line between Bhopal-Itarasi-Barkhera Budhani Ghat has been conducted;

(b) if not, whether survey is likely to be conducted for the same and by when; and

(c) the details of the survey if that has been conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Survey for 3rd line between Bhopal and Itarasi *via* Barkhera & Budhani (92 km) has been taken up. Filed studies have been completed. Final report from Railways is expected by Nov., 2006.

Palace on Wheels in Karnataka

1906. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have signed a Memorandum of understanding with the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation for running a luxury tourist train in Karnataka on the lines of Rajasthan's 'Palace on Wheels'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the places to be connected by the proposed train and by when the train is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.